WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for receiving performance information over a network for
2   generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:
3   detecting a need for the performance information;
4   selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and
5   executing the process.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting a need for the performance
2   information comprises one or more of:
3   determining a time of a previous information reception event;
4   detecting a status of a storage device; and
5   accessing a profile.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:
2   a type of information desired by an end-user;
3   a schedule of an end-user; and
4   scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance
5   transmitter.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2   determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, wherein the determining whether a performance
2   transmitter can receive an information request comprises one or more of:
3   transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;
4   passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and
5   accessing a profile.

1   6.   The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2   generating an information request; and
3   transmitting the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises
2   determining an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the pseudo-live
2   performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed
3   performance information with other information.
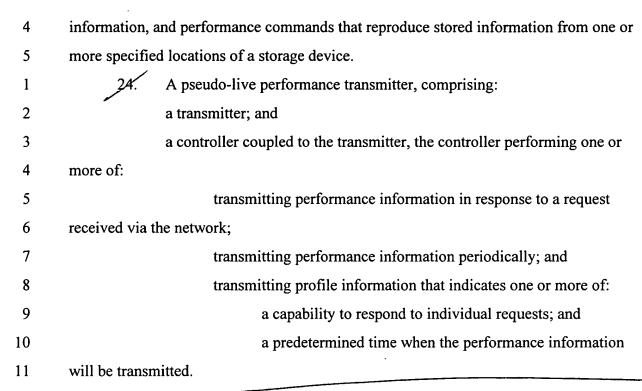
9.   The method of claim 8, the generating the pseudo-live performance comprising:

retrieving the other information;

decoding one or more commands of the other information; and

performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

10.   The method of claim 9, wherein the one or more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a storage device.

11.   A method for transmitting performance information over a network, comprising one or more of:

transmitting the performance information in response to a request received via the network;

transmitting the performance information periodically; and

transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

a capability to respond to individual requests; and

a predetermined time when the performance information will be transmitted.

12.   The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is transmitted by a performance reproduction device.

13.   The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is transmitted by an original source of the performance information.

14.   A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:

detects a need for performance information;

selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and

executes the process.

15.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller detects the need for the performance information by one or more of:

determining a time of a previous information reception event;

4   detecting a status of a storage device; and

5   accessing a profile.

1   16.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 15, wherein the profile

2   indicates one or more of:

3   a type of information desired by an end-user;

4   a schedule of an end-user; and

5   scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance

6   transmitter.

1   17.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2   determines whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1   18.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, wherein the controller

2   performs one or more of:

3   transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;

4   passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and

5   accessing a profile.

1   19.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, further comprising:

2   a request generator that generates an information request, wherein the

3   controller transmits the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1   20.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2   determines an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1   21.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller

2   generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or

3   more portions of the needed performance information with other information.

1   22.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 21, wherein the

2   controller:

3   retrieves the other information;

4   decodes one or more commands of the other information; and

5   performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1   23.   The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 22, wherein the one or

2   more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a

3   software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored

4   information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or

5   more specified locations of a storage device.

1   24.   A pseudo-live performance transmitter, comprising:

2   a transmitter; and

3   a controller coupled to the transmitter, the controller performing one or

4   more of:

5   transmitting performance information in response to a request

6   received via the network;

7   transmitting performance information periodically; and

8   transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

9   a capability to respond to individual requests; and

10   a predetermined time when the performance information

11   will be transmitted.